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 LR 438

CLERK: Mr. President, some items for the record. Communication from the Speaker regarding LR 438. Senator Coordsen, amendments to LB 1021 to be printed and Senator Landis, an amendment to LB 932. (Legislative Journal pages 1403-1404.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item to the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Jones, but I understand Senator Jones would like to withdraw this amendment at this time, Mr. President. (AM2765, Legislative Journal page 1030.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the bill, or to the committee amendments, excuse me, is by Senator Preister. Senator, AM2854. (Legislative Journal page 1070.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, to open on your amendment, AM2854, to the committee amendments.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, that amendment is actually drafted to the committee amendments before they were just amended. There's a slight change and so I have also introduced an amendment, AM3136, that's actually to the way the bill is currently. I would ask if we could substitute. (AM3136, Legislative Journal pages 1404-1405.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you. For the information of the body, the amendment is on your computer. It's AM3136, which is the same amendment as the amendment that we just withdrew except that it strikes Section 4 rather than Section 5. The amendment states, "On or after the operative date of this section, a retailer shall not offer for sale in this state any petroleum product that contains more than one percent of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) by volume." That's essentially what we are doing with this amendment. The reason that I think it's important that we ban MTBE is because it's something that we don't fully comprehend the consequences of at this time. We at this time believe that it could be a carcinogen but we don't